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Lakeland has voted down a proposition to bond the city for \$40,000 for public improvements.

Plenty of rain and a little to spare this week. A shower every day. But we enjoy the coolness the showers bring.

For some reason, the contributions to the National Democratic Campaign Fund are not plentiful or large in Florida. Perhaps because nobody doubts that our state will go Democratic, all right.

The odoriferous guava is now at its best and the crop is a large one. Busy housewives are working overtime in making jelly and preserves. Guavas can be bought in quantity as low as \$1 per bushel.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company have let the contracts to make improvements in Tampa to cost nearly \$500,000. They will build warehouses and docks and dredge a channel in the Hillsborough river for the dock front.

So far as we know, the National Independent Party, better known as Hearst's party, has only one organ in Florida, *The Independent and Central Union Times*, of Jacksonville. This lively and aggressive weekly is also the only organ of the Trades Unions in Florida. R. L. Harper is its able editor with S. J. Kendrick associate editor.

The *Herald*, Sanford's new weekly newspaper, edited by R. J. Holly, has appeared. It is a twelve page paper, of approved five column size and remarkably neat typographically and bright editorially. We welcome the *Herald* to our exchange list and predict a successful career for this youngest Florida fledgling that jumps into fame full grown.

An announcement of much importance to Arcadians is the one on another page of the Tampa and Boca Grande Boat Line. *THE CHAMPION* is proud to be the means of telling to the public the good news that we now have two permanent and quick routes to and from the markets, and that the consequent reduction in all freight rates will be no inconsiderable item to this entire section.

Our City Mass Meeting or nominating primary is announced for the Court House next Tuesday night. It is the duty of every citizen to be present and help in the selection of our City officers for the next year. The City officers have more to do with the comfort, health and prosperity of our community than any offices in the gift of the people, and so *THE CHAMPION* would urge all to be present next Monday night and help nominate the men that will do Arcadia the most good regardless of what your personal feelings in the matter may be.

Again Florida people have cause for grateful appreciation of our climate, location and natural advantages. Nothing less than an unheard of tidal wave could inundate our cities and homes as the rainfall of the past week has North and South Carolina and Georgia. In the latter state the city of Augusta is the greatest sufferer, many of the business houses being ten feet under water. The damage to railroads is enormous, and traffic greatly interfered with. Loss of life is reported as five persons. New York City had on Wednesday a terrific downpour of rain for twenty hours and sending Mercury from summer to 56°. Great property loss from collapsed buildings in course of construction is reported.

It does not seem to visit Bartow now and note the evidences of the enterprises in the Polk county seat. Many hands are at work on the new \$83,000 court house the foundations of which are now laid, the old court house has been set to one side. The building will be built of stone trimmings and will be, so the Bartow people say, the finest court house in the state. Numerous business buildings on the principal street are in completion. Empty houses are scarce and rents have gone up. Everybody seems busy and smiling, a rather unusual for Arcadia to lose citizens. Bartow now has several of ours attracted there by building activity which prevailed in Bartow.

NOCATEE NEWS

Mrs. F. S. Fuller is still quite sick.

Ditching is in order in Nocatee now

Why not incorporate our little town

Mr. F. R. McConnell, of Bartow paid Nocatee a business visit Monday.

Miss Belle Murdock goes to Cleveland Monday to take charge of her school

Judge J. B. Cochran returned Monday from a three week's trip to Boca Grande.

Mr. Walter Graham, of Arcadia, was a prominent visitor on Nocatee the first of the week.

Mr. Ira L. Maroney went to Pine Level Saturday evening returning Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bragdon, who has been quite ill for several days, we are pleased to report, is very much better now

The Nocatee Fruit Co. are repairing their orange packing house and building a twenty foot addition this week.

Our popular assistant postmaster Mr. A. B. Stroud, has planted a large patch of potatoes this week. He is also making preparations to plant a strawberry patch.

Mr. Frank Carmel, secretary and manager for the E. Bean & Son Company came to Nocatee Wednesday evening and spent the night with his friend Mr. H. T. Davis.

Mr. Ed Murrill came up from Ft Ogden Saturday evening to visit his family. He took in the trip to Boca Grande Sunday and returned to Ft Ogden Sunday night. He is building a packing house at that place.

The King Lumber and Mfg. Co. are making some improvements in their saw mill this week, having added a long row of live rollers for conveying the lumber from the saw to the yard. Also added to the appearance of the mill house by applying a coat of whitewash.

Mr. Louis Yelvington, from the East Coast came down Tuesday night to pay his annual visit to his mother and family. He is extensively interested in orange grove property across Peace River near Owens and will give his grove some attention while here. Mr. Yelvington is a railroad man by profession and we have been informed that he is one of the most efficient agents in the employ of the Florida East Coast Ry.

A New Industry for Nocatee

The indications are now that the truckers in and around Nocatee will plant five acres or more in strawberries this fall.

Plants have been ordered already in quantities sufficient to plant three or more acres and new orders going in almost every day. We have the best soil for strawberries to be found in the county and see no reason why the venture should not prove a success.

Refrigerator service has been secured for transporting the berries to the market and if the small acreage planted here this season proves a success a much larger acreage will be put in next year.

Presbyterian Church

Rev. H. Keigwin, Pastor
Services every Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday School 10 a. m.

Prayer Meeting 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday

Subject Sunday morning,

"Jacob's Vision at Bethel."

Sunday evening, "What do Ye More Than Others."

All are cordially invited and made welcome.

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Last Sunday morning the pastor had as his theme the very important subject of "Obedience," and the text was the language of Samuel the prophet, to Saul, the disobedient king of Israel, 1 Sam. 15: 22, "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams."

Saul had been commanded to destroy the Amalekites, who had filled to the brim their cup of iniquity, and were ripe for destruction. The people were to be exterminated and every vestige of their property destroyed.

But instead of carrying out the will of God, Saul spared the king and a large number of the sheep and oxen to offer as sacrifices upon God's altar. Saul's offense was the failure to submit his own will to the expressed will of God, and such an unsubmitive will cannot be used of God in the carrying out of his purposes. Hence Saul was deprived of his kingship. Saul vainly thought that the sheep and oxen he had saved for sacrifice would offset his willful disobedience, but he was assured that the obedience of heart was in the eyes of God better than sacrifice, and that all the sacrifices we can offer to God can never make amends for the lack of a submissive and obedient attitude of soul toward God. All the costliest offerings we can bring to God are only an insult to Him if gained in the ways of disobedience to His law. It is the act of the thief, offering a portion of his stolen goods to the owner from whom he has stolen in order to gain exemption from prosecution, thus adding insult to injury.

Is not this partial obedience of Saul the kind of obedience displayed by many in the modern church? An obedience to the known will of God only so far as suits our own convenience or pleasure, is not obedience at all, but is a manifestation of a self-willed unsubdued, unconverted soul. We learn

NO SALVATION WITHOUT OBEDIENCE

The only faith in Christ that saves the soul is that which manifests itself in a full surrender of the will to God and a full purpose of heart to follow the directions of God.

You may have all faith in the skill and ability of your doctor to cure you of your dangerous disease, but unless you obey his directions he can never bring you through. And all our faith and confidence in Jesus Christ cannot avail for our salvation without obedience to the will of God as revealed in His holy word. He that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not is like unto the foolish man who built his house upon the sand." Instead of a safe abode the man was only building a death trap for himself. Salvation is tersely expressed in the gospel song, "Trust and Obey."

The subject was applied in several particulars in which the modern church member obeys God only when it suits his pleasure. a. The one who uses God's holy day for his own business or pleasure, saying by his action, "Bible or no Bible, God or no God, I will do as I please, I will keep the Sabbath only when it suits me," utterly lacks the spirit of submission to God, which is essential to salvation. b. The man in business who disregards God's expressed law of Christian stewardship and uses gain for self instead of the advancement of God's cause and the welfare of his fellow men. c. The one who, regardless of God's command "Be not conformed to the world," plunges into the gayeties and amusements which the world regards as peculiarly its own, certainly lacks "the mind that was in Christ Jesus."

Timely Views and News

South Carolina is suffering from excessive rains causing floods in the mountainous region, property but no loss of life is reported.

Only ten pages this week, and every one full to overflowing with good things for our people. Wonder what *THE CHAMPION* folks will do next.

The A. C. L. gives its annual excursion from Florida to St. Augustin on September 7th. Trip tickets from Arcadia, good for two days. Tickets good on all passenger trains.

A common failing among teachers is not to have a clear and definite end in view in holding a recitation. This results in desultory teaching, beating the air and failure to get anywhere.—*Inter-State Schoolman*.

The A. C. L. carried to Tampa last Friday the biggest crowd patronizing any excursion this season from South Florida. The Tampa papers report excursionists from this section on that day. The ruling that excursion tickets are good on any passenger train is much appreciated by the traveling public.

Don C. McMullen, the newly chosen representative of Hillsboro county, who is at present county attorney for the county, has entered suit against former officials for money paid them illegally. Amount sued for is \$7,500, \$2,500 of this against Mayor Wing, a former county treasurer, rest from former county commissioners.

Baron von Sternberg, German Ambassador to the United States, died in Heidelberg, Germany. The Baron, accompanied by the Baroness, who is a Kentucky woman, visited Tampa last Fall during the State Fair, and his death will be regretted by many who met them at that time. The Baron died of pneumonia.

Really, now, somebody ought to get an injunction against Governor SELECT (not elect) G. handing out those monkey cards. It was enough when he was a candidate and confined distribution of these fool things to home folks, but too much when he passes them out in Georgia and the other states he may visit on his present tour. *Tallahassee Sun*.

Ira D. Sankey, famous throughout the world as the singing partner of Moody, the evangelist, died at her home in Brooklyn. He was the author of a number of gospel songs, and while the Christian religion endures will be the songs of its adherents. Mr. Sankey was eighty years of age, and for the past five years been blind. His songs brought him a competence.

Get a ten-cent can of concentrated lye and use it liberally in every rat or mouse run possible this about twice a year. Rats, as is well known, frequent moist places beneath floors and their most always moist. As soon as they step on it it causes their feet to burn; then they lick their feet and there is more burn; if they smell of it, they still more burn, and they immediately emigrate. I have found far more effective than traps, dogs or poison, and it does as well for mice as rats. It is another idea, which, while not original, is of value, as a little bit of prevention is worth a cure. If the farmers will have on hand a few pounds of pulverized sulphur and sprinkle some over corn as they are putting it in the cribs they will have few or no mice or rats in the corn. The sulphur does not effect the corn in the least, even for meal. *Bair, in Farm and Fireside*.

Summer in Florida

The languid cattle pant, and the corn swoons in the sun,
Dumb singing-birds, dry-throated, hide in the shade;
The cattle and the corn-fields, and roses dusty with droop and shrink and quiver from the weight of summer's heat.
Lo! a stir and a murmur, a swirl of cloud again,
And sweeping up from seaward comes benison and rain.
Opulent fields upstanding, rustle in green content,
The thirsty birds are drinking from brimming cups bent;
The cattle and the corn-fields, and the roses drip with sweet,
Drenched with the summer's showers, laugh at summer's heat;
The rain has brought them greetings from east and west and south—
Cool kisses from the ocean, and from the gulf's mouth.
—Miss Anna M. C. in *Florida School Boy*